

# Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services

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*Creating choices for elders and adults with disabilities in Seattle-King County*

## MONTHLY MEETING NOVEMBER 12, 2004

### MEMBERS PRESENT

CITY OF SEATTLE	KING COUNTY	UNITED WAY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thelma Coney	<input type="checkbox"/> Gabriel Cohen, Vice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Martha Becker
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joanne Brekke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Helen Spencer	<input type="checkbox"/> Will Parry
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adam John	<input type="checkbox"/> John Holecek	<input type="checkbox"/> Thelma Pegues
<input type="checkbox"/> Alexandra Tu	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Barnett	<input type="checkbox"/> Timmie Faghin, Chair
<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Rasmussen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Verhei	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Moreland
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Low, Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> Steve Colwell	<input type="checkbox"/> Suzanne Wiley
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Yeager, Member At Large	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Midge Levy
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/> Lorna Stone
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**Excused Absence** Timmie Faghin, Gabe Cohen, Alexandra Tu, Will Parry, John Holecek, Lorna Stone and Suzanne Wiley

**Guests** Lauren Moughon, Peggy Stipe, Alex O'Reily, Marta Vega, Irma Farsch and Dorothy Wiitala

**ADS Staff** Pamela Piering, Selina Chow, Linda Wells, Karen Winston, Margaret Casey, Marcy Kubbs and Ozell Bledsoe

**United Way Staff**

**King County Staff** Sandy Stutey

## MINUTES

**Larry Low**, Secretary convened the Advisory Council meeting at 12:00 p.m. and announced that Timmie Faghin, Chair was absent due to an illness and asked everyone attending to introduce themselves. He asked if there were any requests for changes to the minutes or to the order of the agenda. There were no requests for changes.

**Action Taken:** It was moved/seconded and passed that the October 8, 2004 minutes be approved as presented.

**Larry Low** introduced speaker: **Lauren Moughon**, Advocacy Director, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

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**PROGRAM TOPIC**  
**SOCIAL & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT: POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

**Lauren Moughon** provided information and comments about State, County and Local election results and Social Security in the post election season including two approaches to dealing with Social Security: 1) Allowing Private accounts on top of the current Social Security structure and 2) Carving out private accounts from existing accounts. She reported that Patty Murray (D) defeated George Nethercutt, Jr. (R) for the U.S. Senate and Dave Reichert was elected U.S. Representative from the 8<sup>th</sup> district; in the Washington State Legislature, the House added three democrats: Derrick Kilmore, Pat Sullivan and Tammy Green, a Registered Nurse. Democrats also gained two seats in the State Senate, from 24 to 26 increasing the chances that topics such as prescription drugs will be able to get a hearing. She also reported the governor's race is undecided at this time.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**Old Business**

- **Helen Spencer** reported on the Retreat Committee's preparations and agenda for the Annual Retreat scheduled for Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at the Auburn Senior Center. **Larry Verhei** requested members bring "White Elephant" items to the retreat for an attendance give-away.

**New Business**

- **Election of 2005 Officers**
- **Larry Low** asked for any other nominees from the floor and there were none.

**Action Taken:** It was moved/seconded and passed by unanimous consent that the current slate of officers be re-appointed. They include:

- **Timmie Faghin, CHAIR**
- **Gabe Cohen, VICE CHAIR**
- **Larry Low, SECRETARY**
- **Lisa Yeager, OFFICER-AT-LARGE**
- **Larry Verhei** provided an update about the October 15<sup>th</sup> Senior Lobby Conference.

**COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS**

**Planning and Allocation Committee**

**Thelma Coney** reported that the P & A Committee heard an update by Margaret Casey regarding the Family Caregiver Program and an update on the City of Seattle revenue, projected carryover, inflationary adjustment for state/federal funded services and recommendations.

**Action Taken:** It was moved/seconded and passed that the 2005 Discretionary Allocations be approved as presented. **Lisa Yeager** abstained from voting.

## **State Council on Aging**

**Joanne Brekke** reported she did not attend the last meeting and has no report.

## **Outreach and Advocacy Committee and Health Care Task Force**

**Don Moreland** reported that Gabe Cohen had to speak at a Grey Panthers health care gathering at Westlake Park and could not attend this Advisory Council meeting. Lisa Yeager expressed opposition to partisan public comments by Gabe Cohen as a representative of the Advisory Council. There was a discussion about proper protocol by members when making public comments. Don reported that the O & A Committee and HCTF recommend that a letter from the Advisory Council be sent to King County Legislators congratulating them on their election win and informing them of the Council's mission and asking for their support.

**Action Taken:** It was moved/seconded and passed that a letter be sent to King County Legislators congratulating them on their election win.

## **Communications Committee**

**Lisa Yeager** reported on a letter from City Councilman Richard McIver responding to an earlier Advisory Council letter which opposed the elimination of funding for the Library Bookmobile. Councilman McIver's letter stated "it is highly unlikely that the Bookmobile will be killed." Lisa also announced that the topic for the December issue of Senior Digest will be technology and the reliability of information on the web.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Pam Piering** congratulated the 2005 Officers and announced that Ozell Bledsoe will be leaving ADS to accept a new job with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Pam congratulated Ozell on his new position and thanked him for his work with ADS. Pam announced that Tom Rasmussen will speak at the December Advisory Council Holiday meeting and the Sponsors have been invited to attend. **Linda Wells** requested a vote on the Legislative Agenda items including: 1) Home Care Workers Wages 2) The Respite Program 3) Increase in Farmers Market funding and 4) Raise the Workers Wage. Pam announced that Joanne Brekke agreed to represent the Advisory Council on a state Cash and Counseling think tank and commended Linda Wells for her work with the Medicare education efforts to get low income seniors signed up for the prescription drugs benefits.

**Action Taken:** It was moved/seconded and passed that the Legislative Agenda be approved as presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

# **NEXT MEETING**

## **ADVISORY COUNCIL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION**

**Friday, December 10, 2004**

**12:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

**13<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**Alaska Building**

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Larry Low, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Approved 12/ 10 /04